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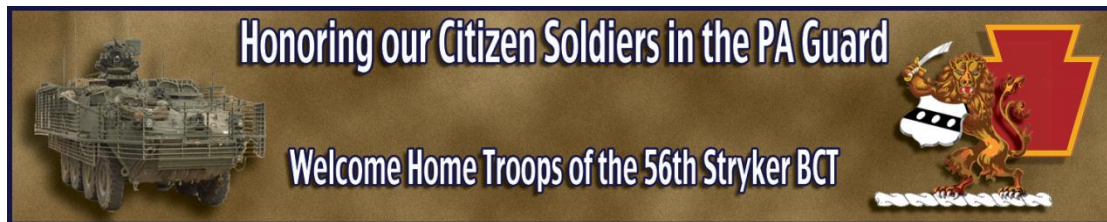
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Shuster-Holden Resolution Honoring Troops from the PA Guard and the 56th Stryker Passed by the House

Washington, D.C. – Today, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed H.Res.754, a resolution introduced by **Congressman Shuster** and **Congressman Tim Holden** honoring the citizen soldiers of the Pennsylvania National Guard including the troops of the 56th Stryker who recently returned from Iraq.

“It is an honor to speak in favor of this resolution on the House floor and to have the support of the entire Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation,” Shuster said during debate on the resolution. “The men and women being honored today are not only brave soldiers; they are also our neighbors, friends, and relatives. Their mission in Iraq was vital to our national security and they served with honor and distinction.”

In November of last year, Shuster was joined by his Pennsylvania Congressional colleagues Rep. Tim Holden, Rep. Jim Gerlach, and Rep. Charlie Dent on a trip to visit the members of the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team while they were training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi and Fort Polk, Louisiana in preparation for their deployment to Iraq.

In June of this year, Shuster, along with Reps. Holden, Dent and Rep. Kathleen Dahlkemper, visited Iraq to meet with our deployed troops from Pennsylvania to personally thank them for their service. The Congressional Delegation met with the troops at Camp Liberty, outside of Baghdad, and in Taji. While in Iraq, the delegation also met with General Ray Odierno, commander of multinational forces in Iraq who spoke glowingly of the job being done by the Pennsylvania Guard to bring security to Iraq.

Background information: Photos and statements from these previous trips to visit the PA Guard can be found [online here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). The full text of H.Res.754 is available online at [this address](#). Video of Congressman Shuster’s remarks during debate on H.Res.754 will be available on his [YouTube Channel](#) and [blog](#) later today.

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